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**News From the Team**

**From Adam Sutkus,  
Citizen Corps Program Director**

July will give us two major conferences to reflect upon our progress to date and next steps: the Medical Reserve Corps conference in Baltimore and the National Citizen Corps conference in Denver. These two gatherings could not come at a better time--with the appropriations discussions at a critical stage for the 2005 year and the national elections bringing a focus on key issues of importance to all Americans. For those of us attending these conferences on behalf of California's Citizen Corps programs, we will be tireless in our quest to communicate the need for funding to remain at robust levels in order to keep these important programs solid and expanding.

At GO SERV, the Citizen Corps program is undergoing some changes: last month we had to say goodbye to our valuable graduate student assistant, Brian Knudsen, who left us for sunny Las Vegas and continuing education. This month we say goodbye to Travis Linquist, our excellent public affairs coordinator who is moving forward with academic and other career plans; and after 4 months on loan to the Governor's California Performance Review, we welcome back Katrina Rosseini to our staff. Needless to say, we are moving projects and assignments around with alacrity; please bear with us while we work through the staff and responsibility changes.

Another milestone was reached in California's Citizen Corps program: for the 2002 grant cycle, less than 8% of the \$1.2 million allocated to local governments statewide went uninvoiced--that translates to over 92% of the funds made available locally went directly to citizen-based

preparedness efforts in California communities. Great job to all!

**CERT Update**

The Statewide CERT Workgroup continued their work on the T4 - CERT Program Manager Academy curriculum during a monthly teleconference/web meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

During a previous meeting the Workgroup developed the following ambitious T4 schedule:

- August 25-26 in Riverside
- September 22-23 in San Jose
- October 27 -28 in Fresno
- December 1-2 in Los Angeles

This course is reserved for individuals who:

1. Are or will be a CERT Program Manager in their community;
2. Are nominated by their Operational Area's CERT Coordinator;
3. Have already taken CERT TTT at the national, state or local level;
4. Will definitely be organizing and conducting CERT courses within their community;
5. Have a program development background (training course management), and/or have the experience to be able to manage a CERT program; and
6. Can work with others (pairs/groups/agencies) to organize and conduct CERT courses.

Priority will go to individuals nominated by counties that do not yet have a CERT program.

**Nominations for attendance to these T4: CERT Program Manager Academy courses will be the responsibility of all Operational Area CERT coordinators.**

The instruction will focus on each phase of a program throughout the following subject discussions.

Program Management;  
Retention of Trained members;  
CERT Programs and Budgeting;  
Effective Graduations;  
Advertising and Marketing CERT;  
Instructor Techniques;  
Refresher Training and Exercises.

### **CERT T-T-T Schedule**

#### **21-23 July in Thousand Oaks (Ventura County)**

This is the last GO SERV sponsored CERT T-T-T scheduled for this year;

Please contact Jeff Deutschman, CERT Assistant, for further information.

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### **FY 2003 CERT Grant Second Quarter Progress Report**

The FY 03 CERT Second Quarter Progress Report for the performance period April 1 – June 30, 2004 is due July 15, 2004. Please complete and submit these reports, as they are a requirement of the grant.

### **Two Stakeholders Meeting a Success**

On June 15 and 22nd, a large cross-section of stakeholders in the emergency volunteerism field met first in northern California in the Governor's conference room, and then in Orange county EOC, to provide critical feedback to GO SERV and their colleagues towards the development of a "template" Local Government Volunteer Resource Management Plan. The 2004 Citizen Corps grant calls for participating counties to produce a draft volunteer management plan; GO SERV committed to providing a collaboratively-designed template for all counties and cities to use in support of this requirement. At the stakeholder meetings discussions

ranged from issues concerning managing spontaneous volunteers to proper methods to integrate traditional service programs in response--such as AmeriCorps, RSVP, VISTA, and others. Participants in the meetings covered the range of key partners: local government at the city & county level; business & private sector; Volunteer Centers; CA OES; Fire and Law Enforcement; state agencies; FEMA; American Red Cross; Salvation Army; and many others.

The findings and advice stemming from these discussions are now being integrated into a draft local planning template that will undergo review by the participants and others over the summer. Thanks again to all who took time out of their busy schedules to participate. The final document is targeted at being released in September.

### **Law Enforcement Survey Preliminary Results**

Several months ago GO SERV launched a statewide survey of Law Enforcement Agencies. The survey was focused on information regarding Volunteers in Police Service and Neighborhood Watch programs. Below are the first results we have for the survey.

149, out of an estimated 350, agencies responded to the survey- these agencies have steadily increased the number of volunteers that they utilize. In 2002, these agencies had 16,875 volunteers; 2003, they had 19,232; and through the first half of 2004 they have 20,603. Of these volunteers, only about 25% are registered Disaster Service Workers. In the respondent agencies, volunteers have given 2,902,710 hours of service. That is over \$53 million in service to law enforcement agencies.

Later this month we will be sending out a more detailed and comprehensive report on the survey results.

Thank you to all that responded and assisted with the collection of this information.

### **GO SERV Commissioner Meeting**

On June 17th, GO SERV's 26-member governing commission of statewide leaders in service, volunteerism, labor, government and academics met with First Lady Maria Shriver and held a dynamic discussion on the role of service in California's future. GO SERV Executive Director Marie Moretti hosted the talk which evolved into a comprehensive 2-hour dialogue with the First Lady on the critical role of volunteerism and service to the health and vitality of the state--and the various methods through which her key goals of inclusion of every Californian can be achieved. Emergency and disaster volunteerism, including Citizen Corps, was discussed at length also and the First Lady's strong commitment to this area of service was very clear. A prepared family results in a stronger community--was a key vision from Maria Shriver and a focus we expect to see much more from her in the future. It is very exciting to have the direct support of the First Lady in our collective work--stay tuned for more as we move forward!

### **Legislative Update**

The two most watched areas of legislative activity are the 2005 appropriations process and HR 3266 (Cox/Turner)--which would change the funding formula to the states.

### **Homeland Security Appropriations.**

The House of Representatives has approved their version of the Homeland Security appropriations bill and funded Citizen Corps at \$20 million nationally. The full Senate has not yet voted on their version of homeland security appropriations but the Committee voted out a version of the bill with a Citizen Corps total of \$30 million nationally. Once the Senate passes its version of the

appropriations legislation, House and Senate conferees will be named and the conferencing process will begin to reconcile differences in the two versions of the bill.

Both of these totals are significantly below the president's budget proposal of \$50 million nationally and indicate a disturbing shift in under-funding such a crucial program for citizen and community preparedness nation-wide. GO SERV is in close contact with the Governor's Washington, D.C. office and California's Office of Homeland Security, and is advocating through the California delegation and other channels an increase in the 2005 funding beyond the House and Senate versions through the conference process. Special note: if you have access through your networks, professional associations, personal/legislative contacts or other means, please help California advocate for an increase in funding for the national Citizen Corps program.

The conference committee on Homeland Security appropriations will take place in the next 3 weeks, as the congressional session ends on July 23rd. Only the Homeland Security, Defense, and Military Construction appropriation bills are expected to be passed on their own; the other 10 appropriation areas are expected to be rolled up into a major "omnibus" appropriation package to ensure passage prior to congress' leaving for the year.

### ***HR 3266 (Cox/Turner)***

Negotiations on Congressman Cox's bill are moving at a fast pace now in an effort to pass legislation before the end of the session. Four different committees in the House have jurisdiction for the bill that seeks to change the funding formula away from population based criteria that heavily favors small states (California receives \$5 dollars per capita where Wyoming receives \$38 per capita), to a risk & vulnerability based process that would provide more funds to

areas under greater threat. Currently the Senate Judiciary and Rules committees are working with the 4 committees that have marked up the legislation to design a compromise bill that can be taken up by the full House before the end of the session. If the compromise bill is successfully negotiated soon, the week of July 19th is likely for the House to debate the bill.

Even if the House passes their version of the legislation, HR 3266 faces an uphill battle. The Senate has not yet heard the bill, and passage is not as assured where each state has an equal vote and California's advantage is not as numerically clear as in the House. A conference committee would also have to then hammer out differences in the 2 versions of the bill. Given that the congressional session ends on July 23rd, prior to the 2 major nominating conventions, it is more likely that the House version (if passed) will be re-introduced soon in the new session to be debated early in 2005--as a result, any change in funding formulas to the states for homeland security will likely apply to the 2006 appropriation cycle at the earliest.

### **Medical Reserve Corps News**

As of this writing, several members are gearing up to attend the National Medical Reserve Corps Conference in Baltimore July 7-9. The Office of the Surgeon General MRC Program Office is continuing to participate in our "All Cal MRC" monthly teleconferences. This past month Marna Hoard, National MRC Outreach Coordinator participated. We also welcomed Capt. Nadine Simons, RN, Deputy Regional Health Administrator for DHHS Region IX. Nadine and/or Regional Health Administrator for Region IX, Dr. Ronald Banks, will continue to join our calls in the future and be additional sources of information at any time.

Good news from the MRC National Program Office – They will soon have

a list of potential funding sources on their website. [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov). Also look for a helpful addition to the technical series – tips on how to apply for and write grants.

Some local California MRC News: Marsha Hovey from the Cupertino MRC reported that the unit is sending some of their members through the Red Cross Emergency Response Instructor Program in order to then be able to provide the training to their other members. Cupertino MRC is recruiting mostly CERT graduates for their unit and is planning another drill this October. The Fresno MRC, with their extremely strong Citizen Corps, also has a lot of CERT involvement, and San Diego County MRC is looking into tapping into the many CERTs in the county. Marin County's consultant Barbara Foster and MRC Coordinator Bill Norris are currently working on the development of an orientation curriculum for Marin's training program. Riverside County's Belinda Jones says Riverside MRC is partnering with the American Red Cross & the American Heart Association as well as being connected with the Tri-County Dental Society & the Riverside County Medical Society. After meeting with the county OES at the end of June, Belinda said the unit has everything in place and is ready to go full speed ahead. San Bernardino's Michele Brown reported that the county DMAT Commander will be speaking at their first & upcoming volunteer orientation. The Palo Alto MRC has made a lot of progress in the past few months. The Palo Alto group is unique in that it is made up of international leaders in the field of emergency mental health intervention. They are addressing the identification of critical stress in disaster victims (and disaster workers) by first responders. Sonoma County MRC's first volunteer newsletter went out in June. Some members of the Sonoma group also participated in providing West Nile Virus prevention information at their local Cinco de Mayo Health Fair. The MRC is also

diligently working on their upcoming full-scale exercise in the fall as well as gearing up for their next round of orientation classes.

The next "All Cal MRC" Teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28th at 10 a.m. In addition to all California (& Nevada) MRCs, we also encourage others who may be interested in setting up an MRC to listen in. For call-in number or further information, please contact [sherrill.reed@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:sherrill.reed@emsa.ca.gov) or call Sherrill at 916-322-4336 x406.

### **Citizen Corps Progress!!!**

We now have 122 registered CERT programs in California, up from 49 at the start of the Citizen Corps program. We also have 50 registered Citizen Corps Councils throughout the state, with more in the pipeline. Medical Reserve Corps has 12 granted programs and 9 others currently active throughout California. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.** Don't forget to register your program, if you haven't already done so. Also, do not forget to register your Neighborhood Watch or VIPS programs on their respective web sites.

### **NOTE TO GRANTEEES**

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism will not process requests for reimbursement from grantees that are out of compliance. The most common compliance issue is outstanding progress reports.

### **FAQS**

#### **Grantee Information**

**Q. Where can I find the Invoice Instructions, Instructions and Forms, Expense Reports and Budget Revision Form for the 2002 Citizen Corps and CERT Grants?**

- A. 1. Go to [www.goserv.ca.gov](http://www.goserv.ca.gov).  
2. On left side of the homepage click **Grantee Central**.

3. Enter password "service2others" and then click login.
4. On the left side you will see a menu of items under **Grantee Central**. Click on **Citizen Corps**.
5. You will see the message "Welcome to the Citizen Corps section of Grantee Central! Use the tabs above to navigate through this section of the website."
6. Click on the tab labeled **2002 Forms**. The "Invoicing Instructions and Forms," the "Budget Revision Instructions and Form," and the "2002 Grant Closeout Form" can be found here.

**Q. When can my agency/organization incur expenses for the 2003 CERT Grants?**

- A. Your agency/organization can only incur expenses during the contract term. The 2003 CERT contract term is: December 5, 2003 – December 4, 2004.

**Q. Where can I find the 2003 CERT Grant Invoice Instructions, Invoice Form, Expense Report Form and the Budget Revision Form?**

- A. 1. Go to [www.goserv.ca.gov](http://www.goserv.ca.gov).  
2. On left hand side click on Grantee Central.  
3. Enter password: and then click login.  
4. On the left hand side you will see a menu of items under Grantee Central. Click on Citizen Corps.  
5. You will see the message "Welcome to the Citizen Corps section of Grantee Central! Use the tabs above to navigate through this section of the website."  
6. Click on the tab labeled 2003 Forms. The "Invoicing Instructions and Forms", and the "Budget Revision Instructions and Form can be found here.

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